Columbus Consolidated Government Council Meeting Agenda Item

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	2021-2025 Consolidated Plan, 2021 Annual Action Plan, Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, NRSA Study and FY21 Annual Action Plan Amendment Submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested for the filing of the 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan, 2021 Annual Action Plan, Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, NRSA Study and FY21 Annual Action Plan Amendment to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
INITIATED BY:	Community Reinvestment

<u>Recommendation</u>: Approval is requested for the filing of the 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan, 2021 Annual Action Plan, Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, NRSA Study and FY21 Annual Action Plan Amendment Submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Background:

The City's 5-year Consolidated Plan (2021-2025) is a document is designed to help the City of Columbus assess their affordable housing and community development needs and market conditions, and to make data-driven, place-based investment decisions. It is mandated by federal law and regulations promulgated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order for the City of Columbus to receive federal funding for affordable housing and community development initiatives benefiting primarily low- and moderate-income persons.

The Annual Action Plan (2021) is a document required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) illustrating how the Entitlement funding will be expended during FFY2021/FY 2022 (see attached). The Annual Action Plan is an annual update of the City's Five Year Consolidated Plan for the years 2021 - 2025.

The city has prior year HOME allocations that will be allocated to projects in FY 2022 which require a substantial amendment to the 2020 Annual Action Plan.

The Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice has identified barriers to equal access to housing and proposed strategies to overcome those impediments.

The completion of the NRSA Study serves as an economic development tool, allowing the City to utilize CDBG funding more flexibly to promote investment in South Columbus.

A public hearing was held on July 20, 2021, and the required public comment period expired on July 26, 2021. These plans must be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) no later than August 16, 2021.

<u>Analysis:</u> A resolution is needed to authorize the filing of the 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan, 2021 Annual Action Plan, Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, NRSA Study and FY21 Annual Action Plan Amendment to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Financial Considerations: The sources of federal funding for projects recommended in the 2021 Annual Action plan are:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$1,672,656
HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)	\$986,139
Community Development Block Grant Virus Round 3 (CDBG-CV3)	\$1,143,059
FY21 HOME Investment Partnerships Reprogramming (HOME)	\$474,805

Legal Considerations: Council must approve the filing of the 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan, 2021 Annual Action Plan, Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, NRSA Study and FY21 Annual Action Plan Amendment to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

<u>Recommendation/Action</u>: Authorize the filing of the 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan, 2021 Annual Action Plan, Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, NRSA Study and FY21 Annual Action Plan Amendment Submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF THE 2021 – 2025 CONSOLIDATED PLAN, 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN, ANALYSIS OF FAIR HOUSING CHOICE, NRSA STUDY AND FY21 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia wishes to come into compliance with Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, the National Affordable

Housing Act of 1990 as amended, the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 as amended, and the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act of 2010 as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the 2021-2025 Consolidated plan, 2021 Annual Action Plan, Analysis of Fair Housing Choice, NRSA Study and FY21 Substantial Amendment to the 2020 Annual Action Plans for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia has been developed as prescribed by the Federal Regulations of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and,

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia wishes to make amendments and apply for federal funds and programs administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and,

WHEREAS, the sources of federal funding and programs are the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and the Community Development Block Grant – Corona Virus Round 3 (CDBG-CV3) Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the 2021-2025 Consolidated plan, 2021 Annual Action Plan, Analysis of Fair Housing Choice, NRSA Study and FY21 Substantial Amendment to the 2020 Annual Action Plans are hereby approved for filing with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and further authorizes the City Manager and/or his designee to execute all contracts, agreements, and understandings related to the 2021-2025 Consolidated plan, 2021 Annual Action Plan, Analysis of Fair Housing Choice, NRSA Study and FY21 Substantial Amendment to the 2020 Annual Action Plans.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the ______day of July 2021 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	
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Councilor Barnes voting	·
Councilor Crabb voting	·
Councilor Davis voting	·
Councilor Garrett voting	
Councilor House voting	
Councilor Huff voting	
Councilor Thomas voting	·
Councilor Tucker voting	·
Councilor Woodson voting	·

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Mayor